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THE FIRST GEORGIAN PRINTED BOOK (ON THE HISTORY OF PUBLICATION)

The publication of the first Georgian book in Rome can be regarded as one of the rarest highlights in the 16th-17th c.c. Georgia, the period being considered as one of the darkest epochs in the country's history. "Propagande Fide" printing house a religious Congregation printed three Georgian books in 1629. These books were: "the Georgian Alphabet with Prayers", "Georgian-Italian Dictionary", "Prayers to the Holy Mother", and the Georgian Grammar in 1643.

The publication of the Georgian books by the Roman Church had been determined by the need of providing (catholic missions working in Georgia with necessary literature. The pre-conditions and methods of this outstanding event remain an interesting issue to explore.